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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Section 11.4 of Fiscal Policy**

3 **July 15th, 2020**

4 **SB 10 - 20/21**

5 **Authored by: Christian Pfeifer, ASUM Senator;**

6 **Sponsored by: Ethan Hanley, ASUM Business Manager; Maggie Bornstein, ASUM**
7 **Senator; Noah Durnell, ASUM Senator; Jonathan Karlen, ASUM Senator; Jack Rinck,**
8 **ASUM Senator; Vincent C. Tarallo Jr., ASUM Senator;**

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10 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its fiscal
11 policy;

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13 Whereas, ASUM Fiscal Policy delineates all fiscal matters of the ASUM office and student
14 groups;

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16 Whereas, During the summer of 2020, a working group met to completely revise the ASUM
17 Fiscal Policy;

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19 Whereas, Section 11.0 of Fiscal Policy dictates the parameters of the Special Allocation
20 account;

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22 Whereas, Section 11.4 of Fiscal Policy delineates the use of Special Allocations in relation
23 to items already funded during annual budgeting;

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25 Whereas, Section 11.4 of Fiscal Policy currently reads:

26 *11.4 Line items that were previously fully-funded through annual budgeting or previous*
27 *special allocations are not eligible for future special allocations funding. The ASUM*
28 *Senate may fund other line-items related to the event, or may apply more funds to the*
29 *same line-item if the member organization expresses a further need, but no member*
30 *organization may receive duplicate funding for the same purpose.;*

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32 Whereas, Section 11.4 contains vague language on the usage of Special Allocations for line-
33 items that have already been funded;

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35 Whereas, Scenarios where a “member organization expresses a further need” are broad, and
36 provide many opportunities to finance already subsidized line-items;

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38 Whereas, The standard of “expressing further need” does not provide a clear enough bright-line
39 for the Board on Budget and Finance or the Senate to adequately judge what is permissible under
40 Section 11.4;

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42 Whereas, Section 11.4 is partially meant to address unforeseen changes in already funded
43 programming;

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45 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 11.4 of Fiscal Policy be amended to read:

46 *11.4 Line items that were previously fully-funded through annual budgeting or previous*
47 *special allocations are not eligible for future special allocations funding. The ASUM*
48 *Senate may fund other line-items related to the event, or may apply more funds to the*
49 *same line-item if **the item's usage or the nature of an aspect(s) of the event changes***
50 ***significantly**, but no member organization may receive duplicate funding for the same*
51 *purpose.;*

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53 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Gwen Coon, ASUM
54 Office Manager; Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM Accountant; Bailey Durnell, Student Group
55 Coordinator.

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58 Passed by Committee: _____, 2020

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60 Passed by ASUM Senate: August 26 _____, 2020

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64 Ethan Hanley, Patrick James Flanagan,
65 Chair of the Board on Budget and Finance Chair of the Senate